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State of DANGER

Deadly force. Pennsylvania is the fourth most deadly state in the U.S. for African-Americans. Now the NRA is suing to block gun control laws in large cities. PAGE 02

A pistol is on display as a customer holds a paper target at the Philadelphia Archery and Gun Club in South Philadelphia. / CHARLES MOSTOLLER, METRO

Double homicide suspect arrested

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Gun violence 'isn't just a Philadelphia problem'

Violence. Gun violence is the cause of 87 percent of African-American homicides in Philadelphia, according to survey.

On the same day Pennsylvania was voted the No. 4 state for black homicide victimization in the U.S., the National Rifle Association said it filed a lawsuit against the city of Philadelphia over its gun regulations.

The Violence Policy Center survey ranks Pennsylvania fourth in the nation for black homicide, 31.02 killings for every 100,000 African-Americans.

The state's black homicide rate is far above the national average, with 87 percent of victims being killed with guns, according to the survey, which analyzed data from 2012, the latest year for which complete data was available.

On Wednesday, the NRA announced its plan to sue Philadelphia and three other major Pennsylvania cities, over their gun regulations.

The NRA's decision to sue was not unexpected, but the timing was ironic, said Shira Goodman, executive director CeaseFirePA a group advocating for tighter restrictions on firearms.

"They obviously don't think we have a gun violence problem," Goodman said, "but we do."

The Policy Center's study, based on unpublished data from the Federal Bureau of Investigation, has been published yearly since 2006. And every year Pennsylvania has landed in the top five.

"That is not a point of pride," Goodman said.

A 40-year-old state law forbids cities and municipalities from passing their own gun regulations, but many cities, including Philadelphia, have ignored the law.

Semi-automatic rifles, including several versions of the AR-15, are on the racks at the Philadelphia Archery and Gun Club in South Philadelphia. CHARLES MOSTOLLER, METRO

Quoted

"They obviously don't think we have a gun violence problem, but we do."
Goodman

Last week, Pennsylvania enacted a new law that will make it easier to rein in municipalities that have passed their own gun restrictions. That's led pro-gun to ramp up lawsuits against municipalities. Lawsuits have also been filed against Harrisburg, Lancaster and Pittsburgh.

Goodman said state legislators are bending over backward to give the NRA special rights that no other organization enjoys and "harm cities that are trying to solve their violence problems."

"Certainly Philadelphia always accounts for the highest numbers," said Goodman. "But it's not just a Philadelphia problem."

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THE ELLINGTON

All clear on the Center City front

Firefighters exit The Ellington, a residential apartment building at 1500 Chestnut Street in Center City, after extinguishing a small fire that flared up in an apartment Wednesday. / CHARLES MOSTOLLER

Homicide. Suspected murderer, body dumper captured

U.S. Marshals have arrested the man suspected of stabbing three men — and cutting the throats of two of them — and dumping all three in the Schuylkill River.

Tam Le, 43, of the 500 block of East Lycoming Avenue, was caught Tuesday in Ashland, Virginia, authorities announced Wednesday.

Le was wanted for his involvement in the murders of brothers Vu Huynh, 31, and Viet Huynh, 28, both of Paoli.

The Huynh brothers were found dead in the Schuylkill near Hunting Park Avenue in the early morning hours of August 27.

A third 23-year-old victim was also stabbed but survived and flagged down a passing motorist to ask for help around 4 a.m.

The police Marine Unit located the brothers' bodies and pronounced them dead at 4:30 a.m.

Reports later indicated that the slayings may have stemmed from a $100,000 drug debt the Huynh brothers owed. METRO

Bucks County

Guidance counselor fired for threats

Marykate Blankenburg, 37, was fired from Central Bucks West High School for a Facebook post that said she would "shoot" police brutality protesters outside Lincoln Financial Field, ABC reported.

"If my child cannot get to the Eagles game due to protesters, I will personally SHOOT every one of them," she wrote on Dec. 7. METRO

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MOVE. Phil Africa dies in prison at 63

Phil Africa, a member of the Philadelphia black liberation group MOVE, died Jan. 10 in a state prison in Dallas, Pennsylvania. He was 63.

Born William Philips, Africa was sentenced to 30 to 100 years in prison in 1978 along with eight other MOVE members (the "MOVE 9") for the death of police officer James Ramp, who was fatally shot during an attempted eviction of the group from a Powelton Village home they occupied.

MOVE later moved to an Osage Avenue home which was infamously bombed by the Philadelphia Police Department in 1985, leading to 11 deaths and a fire that destroyed 65 houses.

MOVE released a statement calling Africa's death "suspicious," saying MOVE members were denied contact with Africa for six days while he was in an infirmary.

Africa died of natural causes, Philly Mag reported, citing the Luzerne County coroner's office.

SAM NEWHOUSE

Northeast Philly

School closed after flu sickens 75 kids

Nazareth Grade Academy in Northeast Philadelphia was shut and disinfected Wednesday after 75 children called in sick with flu-like symptoms, NBC reported. The Catholic girl's school with a student body of 200, 55 students were absent Monday.

The school was scheduled to reopen on Thursday. METRO

Nutter to officiate gay Israeli consul's wedding

From left, Oren Ben-Yosef and Elad Strohmayer / PROVIDED

Mazel tov. Deputy consul general of Israel marries his boyfriend Thursday.

While he would have preferred to have wed in his home country of Israel, Elad Strohmayer decided to marry his boyfriend in Philadelphia.

"It's no coincidence that's it's called the City of Brotherly Love," Strohmayer said.

Strohmayer, 31, deputy consul general of Israel to the Mid-Atlantic region, will marry his boyfriend, Oren Ben-Yosef, 42, at a ceremony at City Hall this afternoon. Mayor Michael Nutter will officiate the civil service alongside Rabbi Michael Beals of Congregation Beth Shalom in Wilmington, Delaware.

Strohmayer said that while Israel is liberal and open to LGBT rights, the country's neighbors aren't so welcoming.

"Israel is an island of democracy and human rights in this very, very tough neighborhood in this very, very conservative region that really persecutes anyone that is different," he said. "And this is why I think it's great symbolism that two Israeli people are getting married in the city that is the origin of the American Revolution. The origin of the values of liberty, freedom, pursuit of happiness."

Jennifer Crandall, Nutter's deputy press secretary, said since the law was overturned last year, Nutter has presided over 15 to 20 gay marriage ceremonies.

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Courts. Teen gets prison sentence in Temple brick-throwing attack

Zaria Estes, 16, was sentenced Wednesday to serve 30 months-to-six years in state prison for throwing a brick at a Temple student's face in an apparently random attack last year.

Judge Michael Erdos called the attack a "hideous" crime before handing down the sentence on charges of aggravated assault and conspiracy.

Estes apologized to the victim, Abbey Luffey, before sentencing.

"I truly apologize to Abbey and her family," Estes said. "If I could rewind that day, I would, and make a better choice."

Estes' lawyer, Bill Davis, argued that as a minor his client could be damaged by time in state prison and pleaded for a sentence to house arrest. She pleaded guilty in October. During a recess before sentencing was handed down Estes took a selfie in the court room's back pew with friends and family.

Zaria Estes / PROVIDED

Temple campus

Estes' March 21, 2014 brick-throwing attack near 17th and Norris Streets left Luffey with a broken jaw and the need for dental surgery.

- Temple University Police Department expanded their patrol zone west to 18th Street, effective last September.

In a victim impact statement, Luffey described psychological difficulties since the attack, as well as ongoing jaw pain.

"When I'm on the train or I'm around the city, I'm more uneasy. I guess I'm not ignorant that I can be attacked again," she said.

Estes' family pleaded for forgiveness and mercy before the sentencing.

"I have prayed that your daughter be fine emotionally and physically," Estes' grandfather, Arthur Seel, told the Luffey family. "Please be merciful to my granddaughter."

Two codefendants, Kanesha Gainey and Najee Bilal, who participated but did not wield a brick, pleaded guilty and were sentenced to juvenile detention last year.

Estes' lawyer intends to appeal the sentence.

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FBI arrests an Ohio man for planning attack on US Capitol

Justice Department. Spokesman Marc Raimondi said the public was not in any danger during the investigation.

The plan included placing pipe bombs at the U.S. Capitol. / GETTY IMAGES

An Ohio man claiming sympathy with Islamic State militants was arrested on Wednesday in connection with a plot to attack the U.S. Capitol with guns and bombs, court documents disclosed.

Christopher Cornell, 20, of Cincinnati researched the construction of pipe bombs, purchased a semi-automatic rifle and 600 rounds of ammunition and made plans to travel to Washington to carry out the plan, according to an FBI informant's testimony.

Cornell indicated on Twitter that he supported the Islamic State group under the alias Raheel Mahrus Ubaydah, court documents said.

In a meeting with the informant in November, Cornell said he considered members of Congress to be his enemies, according to the documents. He outlined a plan to place pipe bombs at and near the U.S. Capitol and use firearms to kill employees and officials inside, the documents said.

Cornell has been charged in a federal court in Ohio with attempting to kill a U.S. government officer and possession of a firearm in furtherance of an attempted crime of violence. **REUTERS**

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Texas

Ten killed after prison bus hits train

Ten people were killed and five severely injured when a Texas prison bus carrying 15 people skidded off an icy highway overpass and hit a moving freight train on Wednesday, officials said.

Two correctional officers and eight inmates died from injuries suffered in the accident near the west Texas city of Odessa, the Texas Department of Criminal Justice said.

"It's with a heavy heart that we mourn the loss of those killed and injured this morning in a tragic accident," said Brad Livingston, executive director of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

Four of the crash victims were in critical condition and the other was in serious condition, according to Medical Center Hospital in Odessa. REUTERS

Al Qaeda claims French attack, derides Paris rally

Washington. A State Department spokeswoman said the U.S. believed the video was authentic.

A still from the Al Qaeda video / YOUTUBE

Al Qaeda in Yemen has claimed responsibility for the attack on the French satirical newspaper Charlie Hebdo, saying it was ordered by the Islamist militant group's leadership for insults to the Prophet Muhammad, according to a video posted on YouTube.

One Western source said no hard evidence of a direct operational link to Al Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula (AQAP) had yet been found.

But it was the first time that a group had officially claimed responsibility for the attack, which was led by Cherif and Said Kouachi, two French-born brothers of Algerian extraction who had visited Yemen in 2011.

Ansi said the "one who chose the target, laid the plan and financed the operation is the leadership of the organization," without naming an individual.

He added that the strike had been carried out in "implementation" of the order of overall al Qaeda leader Ayman al-Zawahri, who has urged Muslims to attack the West using any means they can find. REUTERS

Quoted

"As for the blessed Battle of Paris, we ... claim responsibility for this operation as vengeance for the Messenger of God."

Nasser bin Ali al-Ansi, an AQAP ideologue, said in the recording

France

Charlie Hebdo edition sells out in minutes

Charlie Hebdo's first edition since an attack by Islamist gunmen sold out within minutes on Wednesday, featuring a cartoon of the Prophet Muhammad on a cover that defenders praised as art but critics saw as a new provocation.

French readers queued at dawn for copies to support the satirical newspaper, even as al Qaeda's branch in Yemen claimed responsibility for the attack last week, saying it ordered the killings because it deemed the weekly had insulted the Prophet.

Across the Middle East, Muslim leaders who have denounced the attack and called for calm, while criticizing Charlie Hebdo's decision to publish a fresh caricature of Muhammad.

President Francois Hollande visited France's Charles de Gaulle aircraft carrier in the Mediterranean and said it was ready to support military operations against Islamic State in Iraq "in close cooperation with coalition forces." REUTERS

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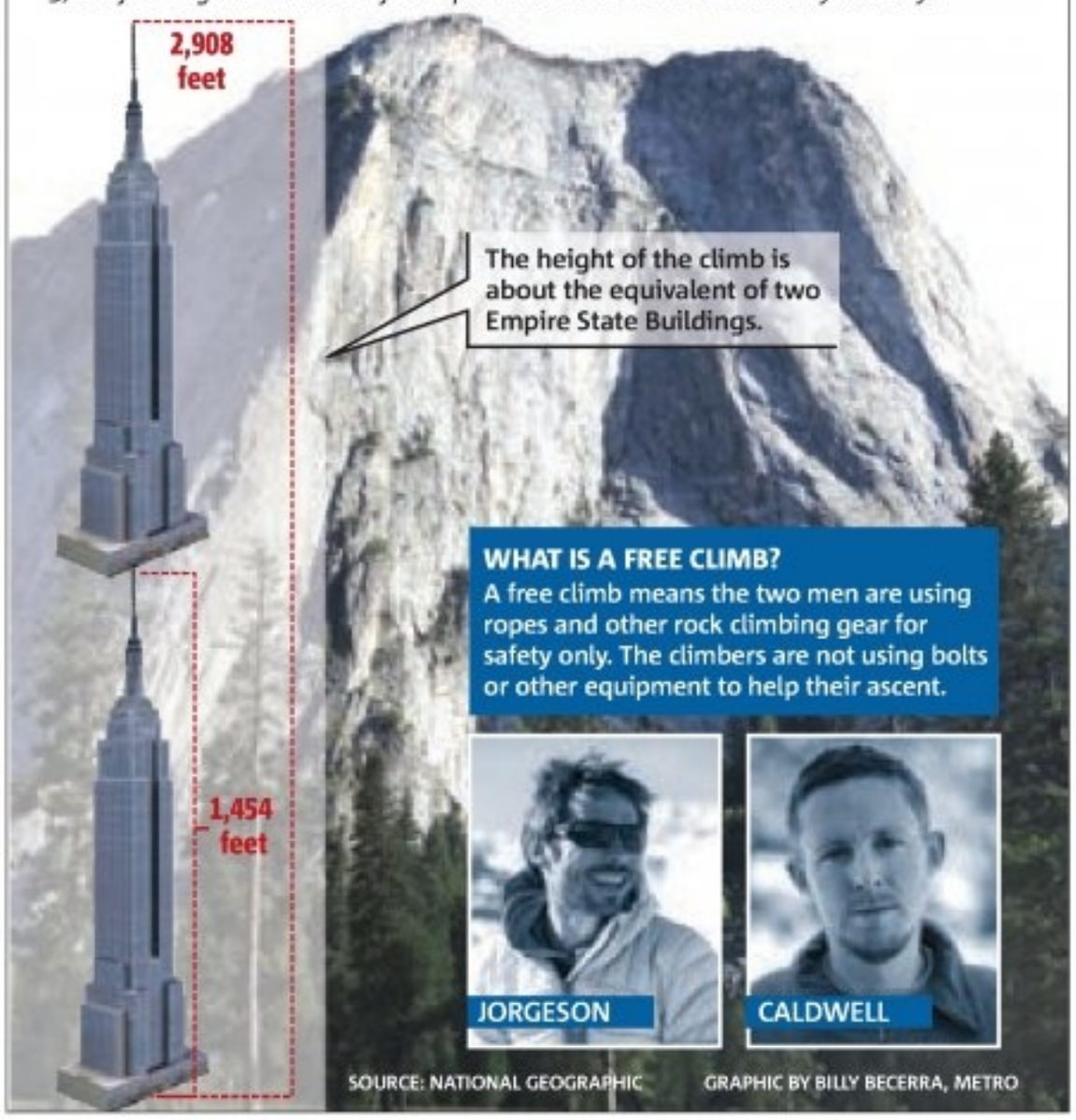
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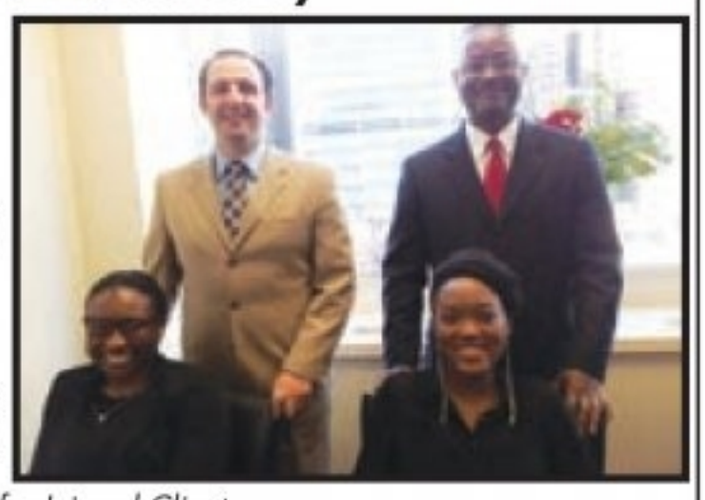

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What if Miley Cyrus took all her clothes off and nobody cared?

VMAGAZINE / INSTAGRAM

Former Disney star Miley Cyrus just can't stop showing off her goods to anyone who will look. To that end, she's gifted V Magazine with a collection of "candid" Polaroids from her recent world tour to celebrate their music issue, hitting newsstands today. The magazine is even offering a fold-out poster of a fully nude Cyrus emerging from a bubble bath. Enticing, right? Here's the thing, though — we apparently live in a world now where a collection of naked Miley Cyrus pictures is met with a collective yawn instead of the startled gasp I assume she was hoping for. As commentators over at Defamer put it, "It just seems so boring and one-dimensional" and, "I, for one, appreciate Miley's attempt to desexualize female nudity."

The ongoing debate over how many f---s Kristen Stewart gives

GETTY IMAGES

It is a question that has plagues scholars, lo, since the nascent days of "Twilight" cinematic history: Exactly how many f—s does Kristen Stewart give? Many have argued that her enduring appeal as an iconoclast is rooted in her natural inability to give a f—. But Stewart herself renounces such spurious categorization. When culture critic and Salon deputy entertainment editor Anna Silman recently lauded Stewart with, "You are kind of a hero to people, in a way. A lot of people admire what they see as your give-no-f—s attitude," Stewart took extreme exception. "I'm like, 'Actually, no one gives a f— like me,'" Stewart insists. "No one gives more of a f— than me. It's just ironic to me. I'm always like, 'Really?'" So there you have it. The debate is settled.

Daily video

Honest Trailer's 'Gone Girl'

SCREEN JUNKIES / YOUTUBE

Just in time for the rush of Oscar season, Screen Junkies gives the Honest Trailer treatment to David Fincher's "Gone Girl," "based on the book everyone's mom read on the beach." The spoiler-filled clip runs down everything about the hit film that left you scratching your head and asks some very good questions about the ending. Obviously if you haven't seen "Gone Girl" yet, tread carefully. And, as the trailer suggests, you probably shouldn't see it on a first date.

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'Dancing with the Stars.' Alfonso Ribeiro gets ready to take 'The Carlton' on the road

You might say Alfonso Ribeiro took a very long path to the Mirrorball Trophy on "Dancing with the Stars." While some of the contestants had a great deal of prior dance experience, Ribeiro's started and ended as the 12-year-old star of "The Tap Dance Kid" on Broadway, and he's quick to point out how long ago that was.

"When I learned how to do 'Tap Dance Kid,' at the end of the day, they taught me to tap dance to do the show, which was not a long period of time," he says.

Though he admits he continued to work on tap a bit throughout the years, the dances he learned for the show were "pretty foreign."

"Just learning how to do it was pretty cool," says Ribeiro.

It wasn't a coincidence that Ribeiro seemed unusually confident for someone who wasn't a trained dancer. "At 43, you've gone on stage many times," he points out. "I've always said, 'What's the worst that can happen?' And the worst that can happen is you mess up, right? I've messed up in my life before," he notes.

Asked if any of this was making him yearn to hit the stage again after years of TV work, he says, "I plan on making sure it's going to be a fun time. We'll see where the road takes me."

Ribeiro and partner Witney Carson are both currently part of the "Dancing with the Stars Live!" tour, so he's been hard at work rehearsing. "We're going to do the ones that people already love," he promises.

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Along with partner Witney Carson, the sitcom veteran took home the mirrorball trophy last year. / KELSEY MCNEAL, ABC

Winning

Reality star

This isn't Ribeiro's first brush with reality show victory. A few years ago, he won a singing competition called "Celebrity Duets," but he says this win means more. "Singing's just not as difficult on your body and your mind. You don't have to physically get over anything. You just have to go up there and learn a song. So it was pretty cool to win that one, but this one feels like it was a much harder road." But where do you keep a Mirrorball Trophy once you win it? "It's on a mantle at the house. Kind of with a light shining right on it. It looks really cool."

— Ribeiro boasting about the prestigious Mirrorball Trophy

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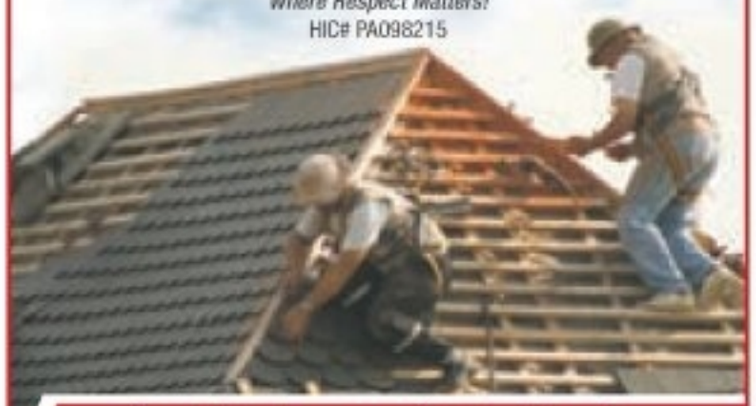

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Change your approach to love in the new year

Resolutions. Leave your old dating habits behind in 2015.

The most successful relationships bring out the best in both partners. / ISTOCK

Changing for a relationship isn't necessarily a bad thing, says one psychiatrist.

"Being unwilling to change is a different way of saying that you are already perfect," says Howard Forman, an attending psychiatrist at Montefiore Medical Center. "And although perfect people may exist, I haven't met many of them. With a good partner and in a good relationship, you change toward each other."

Forman explains why singles should leave conventional dating advice behind this year and suggests these tips instead.

Constantly evolve

"Change is good. Let's compare it to a musical act like the Backstreet Boys: If you go to one of their shows now it's like seeing a novelty act where they sing all of the same songs. Compare that to someone like Taylor Swift — she is constantly changing. Do you want to be doing the same thing all of the time or do you want to try something new?"

Learn to fight fair

We talk a lot in therapy about fighting dirty versus fighting clean," says Forman. "When you fight dirty, if your partner does something like leave a dirty plate in the sink, you say things like 'You are so inconsiderate.' You've taken an action and blown it up to be about every aspect of the relationship. Instead, you should really target the action instead."

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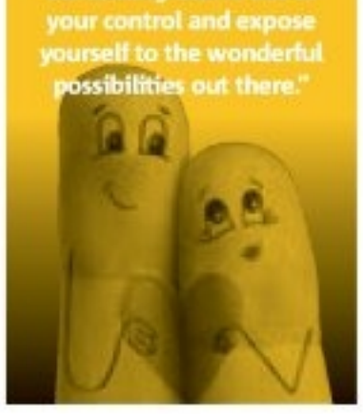
Epiphany

Remember that you are not alone

It's easy for people who are unhappily single to think that they are the only ones who feel that way. "It's so out of one's individual control," says Forman. "So it's a question of how do you take something that is out of your control and expose yourself to the wonderful possibilities out there."



Healthy dating

Realize that sometimes it is you

"The person who you have the most influence over is yourself," Forman points out. "Are you someone who moves too quickly? Or someone who moves too slowly? Do you get so anxious that it leads you to say something that you don't mean?" Recognizing these traits is the first step to fixing them and consulting a therapist may help get you back on track.

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The Vaselines return once more

Interview. The Scottish duo is doing much better as a band the second time around.

The Vaselines play Johnny Brenda's (1201 Frankford Ave.) tonight at 8. Visit www.johnnybrendas.com for more information. / NIALL WEBSTER

MTV's "Unplugged" might have gone the way of the rest of the network's music programming, but it did gift the world with some classic performances. Chief among them was Nirvana's massively popular set, which included a cover of the song "Jesus Don't Want Me for a Sunbeam," by a little-known Scottish band called The Vaselines.

There was just one problem. The Vaselines weren't really a band anymore when the show aired. In fact, Frances McKee and Eugene Kelly stopped being a band before their first album, "Dum Dum," was released. In 2008, the duo reunited, then released "Sex with an X" in 2010, followed by "V for Vaselines" in 2014. The album draws inspiration from an unlikely source.

"I saw a Ramones tribute band play, and it just reminded me that the Ramones have written lots of great songs, and how short they were, and how melodic and how they got everything they wanted to say in such a short space of time," says Kelly.

He praises the Ramones for being able to "say everything you want to say in three minutes."

"I think it just makes [the song] a meteor and it doesn't hang," says Kelly.

Reuniting after a long absence might pose some difficulties, but Kelly says that's not the case. "I tend to procrastinate and muse and wonder and just wait for inspiration, and Frances just says, 'Come on, let's get writing' and knuckles down and gets on with the job."

One plus to the band breaking up before their first album came out? They never had a chance to get tired of playing their older stuff. "A lot of the songs we didn't play live because we broke up when the album 'Dum Dum' was released. When we got back together a few years ago, it felt like we were just picking new songs and playing them," Kelly says.

Musician life

Changing times

Kelly has seen a lot of changes since the first incarnation of The Vaselines: "From the '80s to now is completely different. The kind of music we made was much more underground and independent." He points to social media as a positive improvement since then. "You can tell now when people like you," he says. Overall, the band seems to be in a better place now than its first go-round. "It's more fun now than it was in the '80s. It was a struggle and it didn't feel like it was going anywhere, [but] now it really feels like we've got fans and an audience and music that we're happy to play," says Kelly.

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Legacies

About that 'Unplugged' cover

Kelly says he has nothing but positive feelings about the legacy of the Nirvana "Unplugged" album. "We really embrace it and are always grateful to Nirvana for giving us a leg up," says Kelly. "We've been going now for over five years in this incarnation, and it wouldn't have happened if they hadn't covered the song."

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ART

Leila Cartier: An Imaginary Land of Promise

Through Jan. 24
Schmidt Dean Gallery
1719 Chestnut St.
Free, 215-569-9433
www.schmidtdean.com
One function of art is to show us familiar things in new and strange ways, and this is what Leila Cartier achieves with her paintings of flowers. With their highly saturated colors and eye-locking intensity, they make the flower, usually an unthreatening sign of beauty, into something almost depraved — the ruthless seducer of the plant kingdom.

A Golden Age

Through Feb. 21
Locks Gallery
600 Washington Square South
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There's a cynical twist on the Golden Rule that goes, "Whoever has the gold makes the rules," but for the artists in this show, whoever has the gold makes cool art out of it. It's an opportunity to look at gold not as a coveted currency, but simply as a luminous, supremely malleable material with seemingly endless possibilities.

MOVIES

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'The 78 Project Movie'

Thursday, 7 p.m.
International House Philadelphia, 3701 Chestnut St., $7-$9, 215-387-5125, www.ihousephilly.org
This documentary follows filmmakers Alex Steyermark and Lavinia Wright as they travel across America making field recordings of local musicians in genres ranging from folk to punk to gospel to Cajun, using only an old Presto machine from the 1930s that cuts directly onto 78 RPM discs. After the screening, the Dead Milkmen's Joe Jack Talcum will sing.

THEATER

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Jan. 13 through Feb. 1
Walnut Street Theatre, 825 Walnut St.; $30-$45, 215-574-3550
www.walnutstreettheatre.org
In this 1977 two-character play by David Mamet, a veteran Broadway actor now doing local repertory theater, finds himself sharing a dressing room with his fresh young co-star. The bond shared by fellow artists confronts the alienation of the generation gap as the elder's encroaching sense of becoming a has-been plays out against the younger's enthusiasm and ambition.

MARK GARVIN

MUSIC

Metalachi

Friday, 9 p.m.
Ortlieb's, 847 N. 3rd St.; $10, 21+, 267-324-3348; ortliebslounge.ticketfly.com
Metalachi might sound like the name of a Pokemon, but it's actually a band that covers classic heavy metal tunes mariachi style, clad in sombreros and leather pants. Their chirpy, campy renditions of bands like Led Zeppelin, Metallica, Black Sabbath and Guns n' Roses are as hilarious as they are clever. You could almost believe them as mariachi songs.

PROVIDED

MOVIES

'Sun Ra: Space Is the Place'

Friday, 8 p.m.
The Rotunda
4014 Walnut St.
Free
www.therotunda.org
Avant-garde jazz maestro Sun Ra was one of the most far-out musicians in history, both in his radically forward-looking compositions and his eccentric persona. Ra claimed to be an ambassador from the planet Saturn and appeared on stage in flamboyant, pseudo-Egyptian garb. This 1972 film is a great introduction to his music.

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MUSIC

Maceo Parker

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♒ Aquarius | Jan. 21-Feb. 18. Practice patience and do your best to avoid impulsive moves if you want to avoid error. Take your time and do things right the first time.

♓ Pisces | Feb. 19-March 20. Your energy will wane. To remain motivated, plan a small reward or incentive to get your juices flowing so you feel able to take care of your responsibilities.

♈ Aries | March 21-April 20. You will shine at social activities. Schedule an event that will allow you to display your attributes and stand out in the crowd.

♉ Taurus | April 21-May 21. Lasting memories will be made if you take a short trip with family or friends. This is a good time to look into investment opportunities.

♊ Gemini | May 22-June 20. Your home provides the backdrop for your daily life. Avoid frustration by keeping on top of small repairs. You will perk up if you feel comfortable in your space.

♋ Cancer | June 21-July 22. An unforeseen opportunity to use your teaching skills will impress. Your talent for insightful problem-solving tactics will be admired.

♌ Leo | July 23-Aug. 22. An ill-considered idea will leave you in a quandary. Get all the facts before you make an irreversible decision. Time is on your side.

♍ Virgo | Aug. 23-Sept. 22. Holding a grudge will cause unhappiness and lead to unhappy events. Someone may disappoint you, but that doesn't mean you have to treat them poorly.

♎ Libra | Sept. 23-Oct. 22. Springing your ideas on unsuspecting family members will invite discord. Eliminate problems by letting everyone know your intentions.

♏ Scorpio | Oct. 23-Nov. 21. Stay in touch with relatives. Time tends to fly by, making it easy to neglect someone or something that needs your attention.

♐ Sagittarius | Nov. 22-Dec. 21. A challenge will energize you. Plan an activity that includes stimulating conversation. The more you do, the better you will feel.

EUGENIA LAST

Sudoku: Easy and hard

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Letters to the editor

Burqa ban not against religion

Re: Free speech must extend to everyone' (Metro, Jan. 14) In reply to letter writer Travis Reed Miller and his statement that wearing the burqa is an expression of religion: The Quran has no requirement that women cover their faces with a veil, or cover their bodies with the full-body burqa or chador. Therefore, the wearing of the burqa is NOT an expression of religion but the suppression/shaming of women.

B. MILISKI, VIA EMAIL

'Hoods for the rest of us

Re: 'The hottest neighborhoods of 2015' (Metro, Jan. 14) Glad to see where the new gentrified neighborhoods will be. Now how about an article on the 'hoods where real, working people can live?

MARY ANN PARRISH, VIA EMAIL

What's she waiting for?

Re: 'We did it, the ABCs of getting an NYC ID card' (Metro, Jan. 14; Metro.us) After 20 years living in NYC, Martha Gualotuna says, "it will mean a lot to finally have something in this country with my name and photo," but she still doesn't speak English.

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15 Not a soul (2 wds.)
16 Mixed bag
17 Inventory wd.
18 Caravan halt
19 Baylor University site
20 Critical remark (hyph.)
22 Epsom Downs events
24 Sugarcane product
25 — kwon do
26 Homburg cousins
30 Nassau's islands
34 PDQ
35 Turns thumbs down on
37 Pepper grinder
38 Devotee
39 Win at rummy
40 Rope-a-dope boxer
41 Lagoon protector
43 Dense
45 Comet, to an ancient
46 Charms
48 WSW, maybe
50 Actress Myrna —
51 Quaker pronoun
52 Gulp down
56 Put away secretly
60 Flying prefix
61 Orange-and-white rental (hyph.)
63 No different
64 Felt certain
65 ASU site
66 Like Mr. Hyde
67 Depot info
68 Fits of pique
69 Sherpa's sighting

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2 Lahore language
3 Experiment
4 Pupil soother?
5 He may wear a scarf
6 Bank offering
7 Dawn goddess
8 Sooner city
9 Former Madrid coins
10 Night driver's choice (2 wds.)
11 Jai —
12 Squeakers
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21 Not their
23 Fan noise
26 Laissez- —
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28 Asked out
29 Weary exhales
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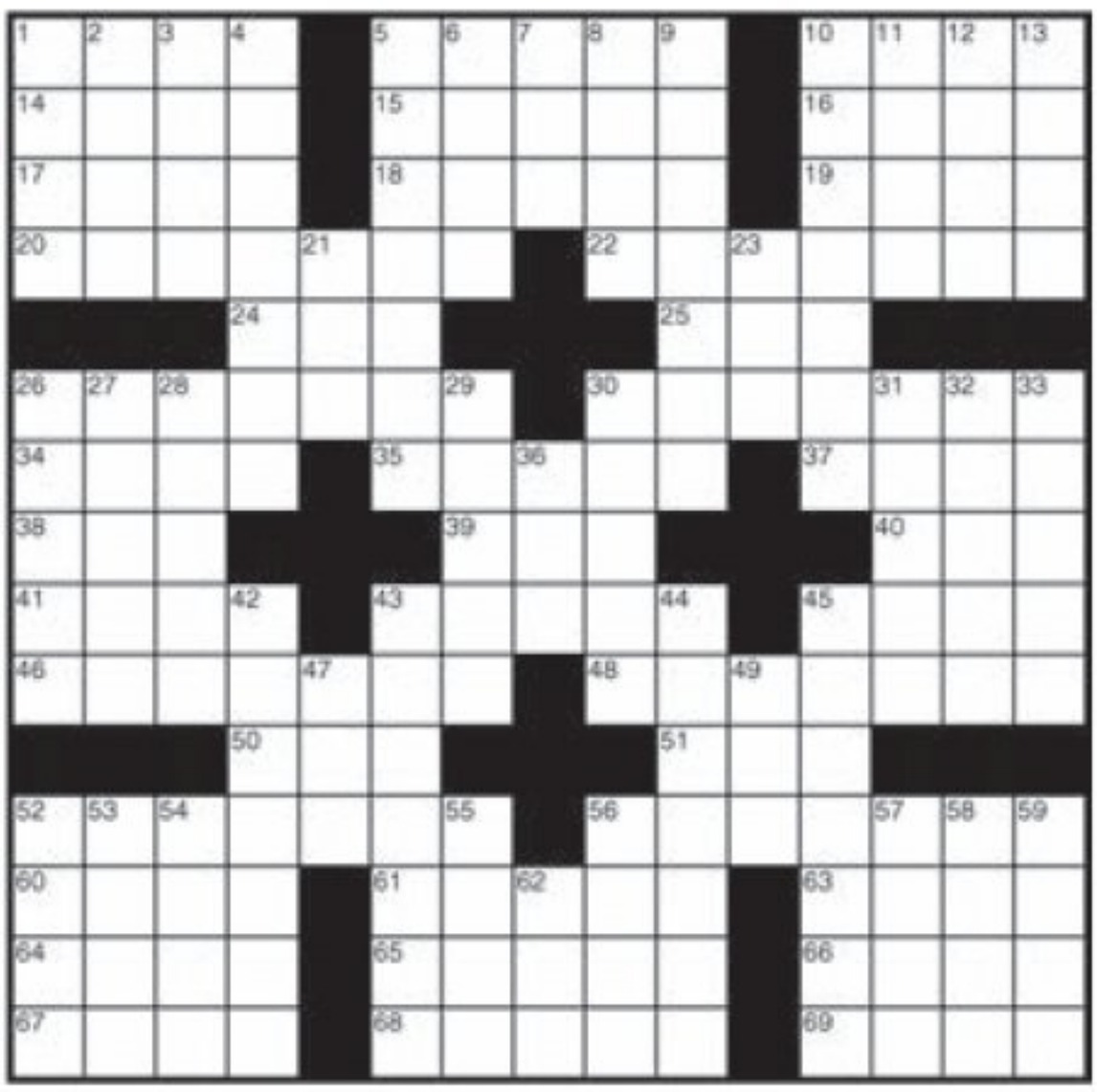

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Football reunion

Sanchez to Bills?

Perhaps new Bills coach Rex Ryan won't need to remove his tattoo after all. Ryan, who drafted and went to two AFC title games with Mark Sanchez under center with the Jets, told the media "certainly he'll be a guy under consideration," in his introductory press conference. The coach has a tattoo of his wife wearing a Sanchez jersey.

FANTASY BASKETBALL: DON'T GET SHUT DOWN

The structure of the NBA places no value on the middle ground. If you're not among the elite, you're optimal finish is last. That annually affects the fantasy landscape as well and you should keep an eye on which direction certain franchises are headed.

The injury- and fatigue-prone Bryant will likely be a benchwarmer for most of the season's second half. / GETTY IMAGES

Mellow Melo

The Knicks have devolved into a laughing stock at 5-35 on the year. Perhaps the scariest part is that Carmelo Anthony just signed a $124 million contract six months ago and is already battling a nagging knee issue at age 30. The logical move would be for Anthony to rest as much as possible, something he's been doing for the last two weeks. But after he plays in February's All-Star game in New York, the bigger move would be to just shut it down and try to get right for 2015-16. Get whatever you can for Melo once he returns to the court.

Kobe Burgers

Kobe Bryant is one year removed from a knee fracture and is 36 years old. In that context, it's pretty impressive that he's averaging 22.7 points, 5.6 rebounds and 5.4 assists. What's not impressive is the Lakers' abysmal on-court play and Kobe's selfish 20.8 shots per game on 36.9 percent shooting. Much like Anthony's situation, the franchise would be better off if Kobe shut it down — something that could happen after the All-Star break as well. Bryant is going to have some more big games over the next few weeks — dangle him cheaply after one.

Wading time

Last year, Dwyane Wade sat out 11 of the Heat's final 15 regular-season games. The year before that, it was seven of the last 10. And in 2012-13, he watched seven of the last nine. This year's King-less Heat team has no chance at winning it all and could very well fall out of the NBA's playoff race before April hits. Owners in head-to-head leagues with playoffs need to be aware that Wade is among the players that likely won't be available at the most important time of the fantasy season.

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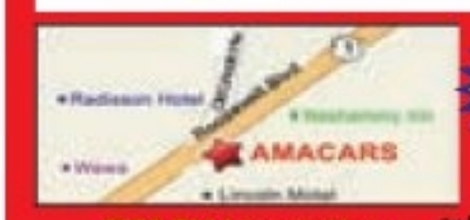

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Wroten an important piece for Sixers

NBA. 76ers point guard Tony Wroten says he enjoys playing alongside Michael Carter-Williams.

Wroten reinjured his knee this week and did not make the trip to Toronto on Wednesday. / GETTY IMAGES

In one night, Tony Wroten can be exciting, exhilarating, electrifying and infuriating. He's the whole package.

Through it all, 76ers coach Brett Brown is thrilled to have Wroten on his side.

Wroten might throw a pass into the 10th row of the Wells Fargo Center. He might take an ill-advised shot or two. But he also has the ability to score in bunches, hit big shots and display a willingness and fearlessness to take over a game.

"You would far prefer to have that ready-fire-aim mentality than being scared or cautious," Brown said. "Now, there are times I wished he was 27 and would make just some simple passes instead of rifling balls off people's hands at warp speed. I tell you what, that kid wears his heart on his sleeve. He's got a motor. He wants so desperately to be on the court."

Through the first 37 games, Wroten was averaging 16.9 points. He was also averaging 3.8 turnovers per game. He reached double figures in points in each of the last 10 games, including six games of 20 or more.

You take the good with the bad and realize Wroten is still just 21 years old.

"I just go play and don't worry about numbers," Wroten said. "I just want to play and do all I can to help the Sixers win. I'm thankful for the opportunity."

Wroten has coexisted quite nicely in recent games with reigning Rookie of the Year Michael Carter-Williams. Neither player is ever likely to be labeled as a shooting guard. Both players have a multitude of skills which are beneficial to the success of the Sixers.

"I feel like it's real important we work together," Wroten said. "We play a big role on this team and not just offensively. If we want to win games and play together down the stretch, we're going to have to play defense."

"We've had ups and downs in trying to find our rhythm together," Carter-Williams said. "It's not anything personal. I love playing with Tony on the court and vice versa."

Now comes the business side. Rumors have swirled about Wroten being traded to the Los Angeles Clippers. Nothing is imminent. If Wroten ends up staying with the Sixers, it could turn into something special.

"I'm excited to be here and I'm living my dream every day playing in the NBA," Wroten said. "When my name is called ... I'm going to come in the game with everything I've got."

Quoted

"Whatever the coaches want, whether it's starting or coming off the bench, I'm going to give it all I have and play to win every night out." Tony Wroten

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